FOR THE YEAR 2009 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA APRIL 28, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with Jeff Simonsen, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Larry Prunty, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nayes - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented one utility permit.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground permit for High Tech Electric in Sections 29 & 30 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

Aimee Barritt, Environmental Health, gave an update on a recent phone conference held with local public health officials, Cherokee Regional Medical Center, and the State Public Health Department regarding preparedness for a potential flu outbreak.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Third Judicial District concerning emergency continuity of operations amongst 16 counties. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to appoint Lisa Woltman as the supervisors' representative on the Civil Service Commission with a term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, and Misty Daum, Treasurer's employee, asked the supervisors to allow usage of sick time during maternity leave since the issue is not addressed in the current county personnel policy.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to allow county employees to use a combination of vacation, comp, and sick hours already earned for maternity leave. Vacation and sick time will continue to accrue as usual for full-time employees during the leave time. Motion carried.

Ed Sand, Marcus for Progress, requested \$12,000 from the Rural Betterment Fund to help with repairs on a building that is used for senior citizens, food pantry, and community rentals.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to pay \$10,000 to Marcus for Progress from the Rural Betterment Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve the 2009 Slough Bill allowing property tax exemptions for wetlands, open prairie and forest cover. Leeds abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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	Attest:		
Jeff Simonsen, Chairman		Kris Glienke, County Auditor	